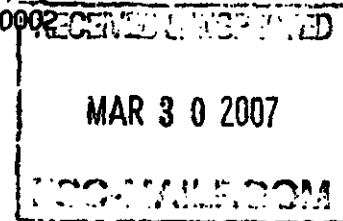


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Dashawn Mobley
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March 20, 2007

Federal Communications Commission
Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th street SW
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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Hi! My name is Dashawn Mobley I am a student at Mssd (Model Secondary for the deaf). I am writing this letter to you because my teacher in government class it part of my class project that I am doing fore class. This is about how we deaf people feel about no close captioning on TV that that they watch from time to time.

Before I came here to this school MssD I didnt realize that there was no captioning on the TV when the deaf students would ask me what did that actor just said tell me please. I hate to see deaf people struggle like this. It hurts to see them struggle like this.

- Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act requires schools, colleges, libraries, and other recipients of federal financial assistance and federal agencies to make their communications accessible to and useable by persons with disabilities.
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- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) extends these requirements to commercial and non-profit places of public accommodation, and to state and local government agencies.
- To file a complaint about a video, film or other media that is not captioned, write to the federal agency that gives money to the place that is showing the un captioned video.

Sincerely,

Dashawn T. Mobley
Student learner

Dawn Mobley
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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chair Kevin Martin

Hello, I'm Brittany Way and I'm a student at Model Secondary School for the Deaf. I live in Spartanburg, South Carolina. I would like to explain why I want to write a letter to you, because, it is about the closed captioning. I notice on most of all T.V shows don't have closed captioning.

Most of the time, when caption to start to show, sometimes it is delayed while voice is ahead of time, or the captions may be garbled. That means I will miss what they say on the show. I don't like it when the captions show up few minutes later. I want to understand by reading the captions at the same time as hearing people hear the voices on the TV. If not working it out. So I can call a Lawyer to speak it up and to make the caption on the show all the time, never missing...

Can you just check with your Commission to require TV networks or Movie companies to make the quality of captions better and give captioning on all TV shows/programs/commercials? And I want to see closed captioning at all times so I can follow what they say on the TV shows, please? So we can understand what they say on the TV and we also don't want to behind the news. And I want to closed captioning to be set up all times when I watch the different shows, I will enjoy... If it something pops up so TV sometimes show with a man standing in there and talking about the emergency or live news if news tell something it really bad news... with no caption and deaf people don't know what's going on. It's not fair for deaf people... I want closed captioning there all the time!

Sincerely,

Brittany Way

Brittany Way
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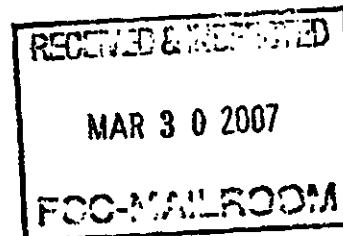
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Lark McNamara
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March 20, 2007

Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

My name is Lark McNamara and I am attending the Model Second School for the Deaf. I would like to talk with you about TV caption problems for deaf people. I love to watch different channels such as Sci-Fi, TNT, Spike, AMC and other types of channels and they don't have captions all the time.

I don't like the problems with captioning on television shows or programs: parts of captioning are unclear, disappearing, garbled letters, and skipped information. Why do the television networks think that captioned TV shows or programs are unimportant to deaf people?

I was very excited to watch "the fifth element" movie on TNT channel as it is my favorite movie when I was very young. I was never able to see this movie for four years. And I hoped this movie would have captions but it didn't. I was unhappy and feel like anger boiling in my stomach. It makes me lose hope.

Before six years, I went to theater movie in mall for want watch Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone movie (update) as release when I was young. I love to see fantasy and cool wizard in movie. But there is no caption. I ask my mother to substitute for me. She stopped interpreting and watched it. I have asked her many times to continue interpreting. I became really unhappy and hurt. I had to wait till those movies to be shown on the television with captioning but it took for like three years later. It makes me behind hearing friends. My mother was satisfied but not me! I know it was not fair because general hearing people are first to see anything new on television and enjoy while deaf people like me have to wait few months or years to enjoy the television movies with captioning. It is long time for wait to coming caption.

- Now, I find out from my American Government class about the laws relating to closed captioning:
- A) section 508 of the rehabilitation Act,
 - B) section 504 of the rehabilitation Act
 - C) Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - D) Telecommunication Act of 1996

The United States Congress passed those bills and those bills became laws but Federal Communications Commission apparently did not do their job well. I want to emphasize that communication and caption are very important to deaf people as well as hearing people. I want you to understand deaf people's feelings and make it fair. I hope you can check on Federal Communication Commission to make sure they are requiring television/movie networks to follow the Telecommunication Act of 1996.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Lark McNamara
MSSD student

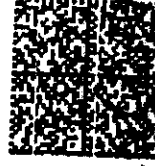
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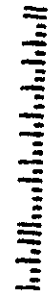
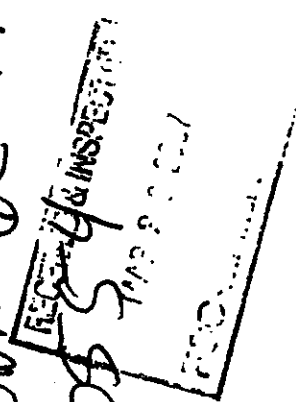


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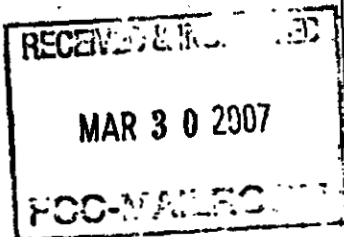
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March 22, 2007

Federal Communication Commission
Chair Kevin Martin

Dear Chair Kevin Martin:

Hello, I'm Deaf and a student at Model Secondary School for the Deaf. I would like to express my opinion on closed captioning problems that I have experienced.

I enjoy socializing with other friends by talking about different TV shows/programs but I notice that on some television shows that did not have closed captioning. Why didn't television networks or companies put closed captioning in every television show, program, and commercial than just few? It doesn't feel fair.

I notice that there was no closed captioning that miss out some words or sentences on few channels. I had to search for any channel that has closed captioning. That is not fair because hearing, hard of hearing can hear and understand what TV programs, shows, and commercials are about. We need to make sure that all people have same opportunity to enjoy facts and information from television shows, programs, and commercials. That is what America all about, equality to communication, and information.

Hope you can solve this problem by making sure that your commission requires closed captioning and make it fair for people to use closed captioning if they want to. Sometime hearing people not need closed captioning but many Deaf people in America need to use closed captioning everyday, and every night to understand what is going on. That is really important to Deaf people. Hope you will do that for Deaf Americans.

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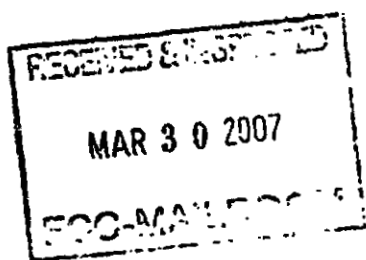
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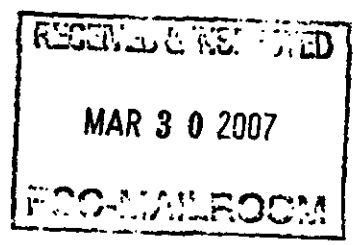
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Elizabeth Valverde
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Dear Chair Kevin Martin:

My name is Elizabeth Valverde. I'm students of Model Student School for the Deaf. I'm writing about TV captioning and Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

I'm watching television about TV cartoon, "Tom and Jerry", and other TV shows. They don't have captioning. I feel not fair because hearing people can hear without captioning but deaf people can't watch television without captioning so how can they understand about TV cartoon "Tom and Jerry" and other TV shows without captioning? I thought the FCC would make TV networks to give all the Television captioning last year on January 1, 2006 but they didn't make captioning on all TV shows. There is a law, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (PL 104-104) that require them to follow and make sure new programming must b captioned, beginning Jan 1, 2006.

The law on closed captioning needs to be stricter and the FCC, who is responsible for the law, should know that deaf people can't watch television without captioning. Also I want to it to be equal for everyone to have a choice to use closed captioning on all movies, TV shows or programs.

Sincerely,

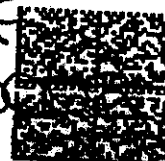
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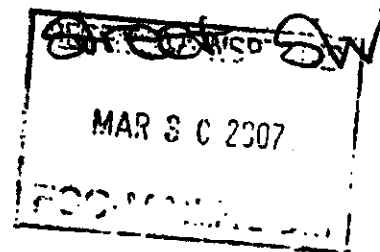
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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chair Kevin Martin:

**Hello I am Jay Werner and I am a student at Model Second School
for the Deaf- MSSD.**

I want to talk to you about closed captioning.

**I am not sure if you still know about last January 1, 2006 - the
Telecommunication Act of 1996 (PL 104-104) that required 100% of
new programming must be captioned, beginning Jan. 1, 2006.
Also I want to know what commercials said about things. I want to
add closed captioning on all television/cable programs or shows
so I can understand that said! And I thought that law will cause the
television networks to give full closed captioning for 24/7. But
some television shows/programs don't have closed captioning
which made me feel not understand. I want to read closed
captioning and it will make me understand better. It will also help
me improve my skill in reading words!**

**I want you to make sure that the Telecommunication Act to add full
closed captioning 24 hours/7 days/every year! That can help for all
deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people will develop better skill in
reading! That will make equal access to communication for all
deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people. That is what I like!**

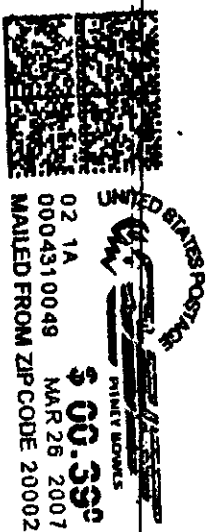
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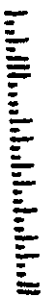
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FCC Mail Room

Dear FCC:

Hello, I am Deaf and I currently attend the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) in District of Columbia. I have a deaf family. I was raised in Deaf world. I am very proud to be Deaf and I never like when hearing people apologize to us for being deaf. Only one thing we just could not live without is closed captioning. It seems difficult for hearing people to understand that because some people don't appreciate or value closed captioning as much as Deaf people do. Not only Deaf people but other people do learn a lot of grammars and words from reading closed captioning just like I do. Closed captions are very important to us just like the books.

Are deaf people happy with closed captioning? They are very happy with closed captioning because they can understand what TV shows/programs are all about. Unfortunately, they are not one hundred percent happy with it because not all TV shows, programs, and commercials show closed captioning which we need so badly. Not only because of no closed captioning, there are also errors in closed captioning that we could not read. It was not fair for us. After I use closed captions, my grammars and words improved greatly that my teachers began to comment a lot. Closed captions are very important to deaf people than what others think it is.

I think closed captioning is also part of our education and entertainment. I never like to read but with closed captioning on TV, I began to enjoy reading I just could not watch any of television, movie, commercials, or website videos without closed captioning. It would be nice if your Commission actually require TV companies to set up closed captioning 24 hours 7 days with no errors too because of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 (PI 104-104). So, we can enjoy ourselves during rainy or sunny days or nights. We, deaf people, need your help. Thank you and hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Joanna Rocha
MSSD Student

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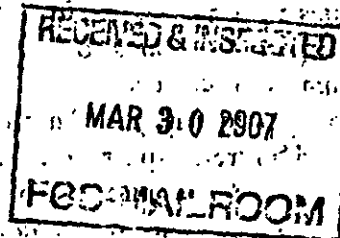
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Xian Huang
1111 60TH AVE
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

March 23, 2007

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Hi, I am a sophomore at Model Secondary School for the Deaf. I want to write a letter on television closed captioning. I would like to recommend that all TV companies to provide closed captioning at all time.

My family pays cable per month for cable TV. Sometimes I watched an important TV show that I like and yet that TV show runs on without closed captioning. I was so disappointed that TV show didn't show closed captioning. It is not fair that hearing people can listen and watch any new TV show or program without worrying while it is hard for deaf people to understand without closed captioning. Many deaf people can't go to watch in the theaters movies without enjoyment. Imagine if all TV companies include closed captioning then many movie theaters will have closed captioning ready. It doesn't make sense deaf people pay taxes and don't get equal access to communication and information.

There is a law, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (PL 104-104), and it requires 100% of new programming to be closed captioned, beginning Jan. 1, 2006. Then why deaf people pay taxes and don't get equal access to communication and information? With today's technology, it is much easier to add closed captioning to any TV shows, and movies. Can you do something about this problem?

Thank you for reading my letter and I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Xian Huang
MSSD Student

CC: National Association of the Deaf

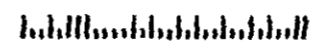
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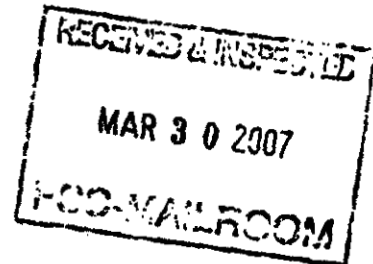


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Zanica Gage
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Washington, D.C. 20003

Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554



March 16, 2007

Dear Kevin J. Martin,

I want to share my opinion about your company. You didn't meet my and other deaf people's expectations. Let me explain what you seems not doing your work. Many deaf and hard of hearing, like me complain about television captioning such as some of garbled captions, full of errors and incorrect words.

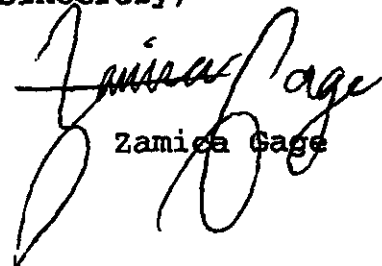
A caption almost always tends to disappear in the middle of toward the end of a program. Some channels do show some captions but others don't. Some re-run shows don't have captions. When weather information or any other emergency messages appear on the bottom of TV screen, it blocked captions from being viewed. Some emergency message captions have delayed captions. Some networks don't provide enough captioning. If you need more information, you can

look up under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (PL 104-104)

You need to meet our expectations because if you don't how can deaf and hard of hearing people are able of understanding? We need to be able to read and able to understand any emergency messages or TV programs. This problem is a violation of FCC rule 47 CFR § 79.1 AND 79.2. But I know there is a law - the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (PL 104-104) and it is about having all programs captioned for us. Yes, it would be nice; we really need to understand to watch. We need a real quick solution to this persisting problem.

Thanks for listening. Please do something about it by taking an investigation into FCC and the television networks. We, all Americans, do watch television and our lives rely on information we receive from television, cable, and internet video streaming.

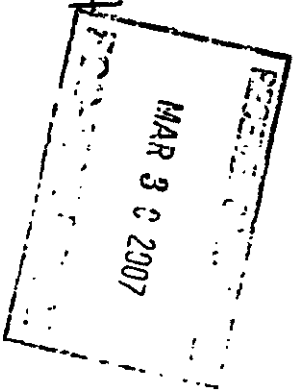
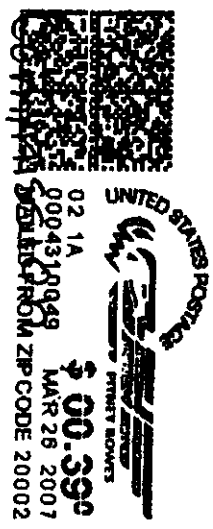
Sincerely,


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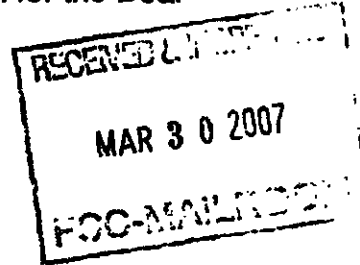


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Kevina Kerchner
Model Secondary School for the Deaf
800 Florida Ave. NE,
Washington, DC 20002



March 23, 2007

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Kevin J. Martin:

Hi my name is Kevina, and I am 16 years old freshman at Model Secondary for the School. I live in Germantown, MD and I was born deaf. I am writing a letter about my opinion on closed captioning.

I would like to talk about closed captioning on TV and cable for deaf people and it really helps people learn to read like a book on the TV. Not all hearing people can understand what is going on TV shows, too. The closed captioning on TV and cable is very good for people have different languages and try to learn English on TV. Closed captioning really help everyone, both deaf and hearing people. We need to learn to read closed captioning on the T.V. and it helps our mind to think busy. TV closed captioning is not always perfect. For example, on the TV shows, closed captioning sometimes mess up and look garbled or it stops in middle of the sentence.

Again, I need to emphasize that closed captioning on TV and cable shows are really important for not only deaf people but everyone who needs it. There is a law relating to closed captioning that makes sure that closed captioning will be 100 percent shown on TV and cable programs starting on Jan. 3, 2006. I hope movie companies will make closed captioning better and allow closed captioning to be on all shows.

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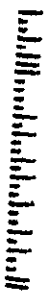
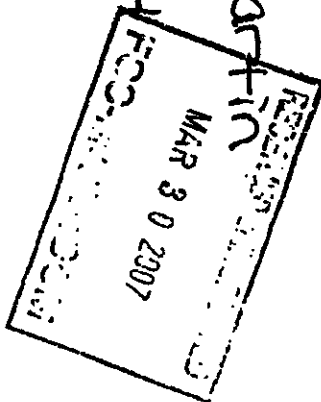
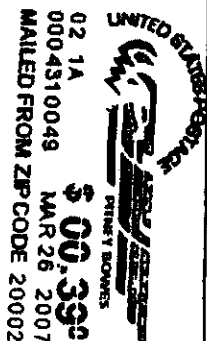
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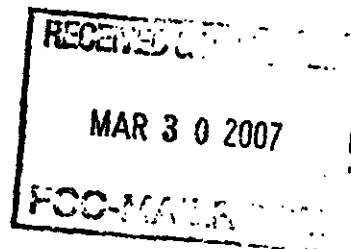
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LaQuita Ford
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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Hello my name is LaQuita Ford, and I'm one of the students in MSSD (Model Secondary School for the Deaf). I'm writing this letter to you because my teacher in government class explained to us about this as our class project. This letter is about how deaf people feel about TV Captioning and how captioning is not available on most of the television programs or shows.

Since last year I have not seen most of the TV with captioning, it was just voice most of the time. Deaf people feel kind of upset about this continuing problem on the TV without any Captioning. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must sure that all television companies to follow the laws which they didn't follow the laws that say:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requires schools, colleges, libraries, and other recipients of federal financial assistance and federal agencies to make their communication accessible to and useable by persons with disabilities.
- Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act extends this requirement to federal contractors.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) extends these requirements to commercial and non-profit places of public accommodation, and to state and local government agencies.
- Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (PL 104-104), virtually all new broadcast, satellite and cable programming must be captioned by January 1, 2006.

I would like for your help to ask the FCC to require all the television companies to follow the laws by putting closed captioning on TV for all Americans with or without disabilities.

Sincerely,

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